

ciples of treatment and their application. Part 2 gives the details of treatment. Part 3 contains the recipes, menu, and tables of food values. Part 4 presents selected simple laboratory tests for examination of urine, estimation of sugar and acid bodies in the urine, the sugar in the blood and the carbon dioxide in the alveolar air. That the work is timely and not without a glint of humor is evidenced by the frontispiece and dedication, whereby it relates itself to the world crisis and warns the diabetic patient of his responsibility in food conservation.

M. J. M.

**Clinical Medicine for Nurses.** By Paul H. Ringer. 286 pp. Illustrated. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Co. 1918. Price \$2.50.

This is a description of the nature, causes and treatment of the more common diseases. It contains about the same kind and amount of material as the usual medical lectures given to nurses.

**Personal Hygiene and Home Nursing.** By Louisa G. Lippitt. 256 pp. Illustrated. N. Y.: World Book Co. 1919. Price \$1.28.

This, though a small book, of some 250 pages, comprises a section on hygiene, a description of the nature and causes of some of the more common diseases and the essential points to be observed in their treatment; the methods of carrying out the simpler nursing procedures, such as women can be easily taught by a nurse, and the first-aid treatments for common emergencies. The hygiene section is particularly good. It includes valuable descriptions and illustrations of poor and correct postures in standing, walking and sitting; exercises to correct common bodily defects; instruction that children should be given regarding the care of the mouth, nose and eyes and the hygiene of the menses. These points especially, will make the book of value to mothers and the clear descriptions of nursing procedures will be of assistance to those who are taking elementary courses in nursing.

**Diseases of the Digestive Organs.** By Chas. D. Aaron, 2nd. ed. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger. 1918.

While Professor Aaron's thorough discussion of the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases of the entire alimentary tract covers this extensive field in a most satisfactory way, the reviewer feels that the outstanding portion of the work is that portion devoted to the study of intestinal diseases by means of stool examinations. In this particular field the author has accomplished some of the best work that has yet been done. This is the second edition of the book and it is a volume that should be in the hands of the general practitioner as well as the specialist. It is exhaustive and authoritative enough to satisfy the requirements of the latter, and at the same time, so simply and plainly presented that the former will find it of frequent use. New chapters on the duodenum, on intestinal stasis and toxemia, and on flatulence, meteorism and tympanites are added.

G. H. T.

**Local and Regional Anesthesia, Including Analgesia.** By Carroll W. Allen, M. D., of Tulane University, New Orleans, with an introduction by Rudolph Matas, M. D., of Tulane University, New Orleans. Second Edition, reset. Octavo of 674 pages with 260 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1918. Cloth, \$6.50 net.

It is a pleasure to greet the second edition of this uncommonly complete monograph. The book includes chapters on the theory and practice of local anesthesia in general, on spinal, paravertebral and sacral anesthesia, on intra-arterial and intravenous local anesthesia and on alcohol injections of the gasserian ganglion and its branches in facial neuralgia. Chapters on prostatectomy under local anes-

thesia and on the new American anesthetic apothecia are noted among the additions to this new edition. The various procedures for anesthesia in particular operations are grouped by regions and are described in explicit detail, supplemented by numerous useful illustrations.

We might wish that the value of local anesthesia in reinforcing general anesthesia and economizing in quantity and duration of the ether or gas narcosis were more dwelt upon. This seems one of the most fruitful fields. This book is so excellently practical and so sure a guide to methods that still remain unmeritedly concealed from the many, that it may be fervently recommended to students and practitioners as a constant handbook and companion. We know of no single surgical monograph whose study will be better repaid in daily practice.

—L. E.

**The Surgical Clinics of Chicago.** Volume III, Number 1 (February, 1919). Octavo of 236 pages, 75 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1919. Published bi-monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$10.00; cloth, \$14.00.

Contents: Kellogg Speed: Surgical cases at an A. E. F. evacuation hospital. F. A. Besley: Secondary hemorrhages as observed in war surgery. V. D. Lespinasse: Blood transfusion. Carl Beck: Facial plastics. F. E. Simpson: Radium in malignant disease. Cancer base of tongue and epiglottis; cancer of tongue; epithelioma of face. A. D. Bevan: Obstruction of ileum due to tuberculous ulcerations; Injuries of shoulder joint; Treatment of intestinal fistula by means of bimum paste; Spina bifida; Carcinoma of face; Carcinoma in axilla; Sarcoma of labium. J. R. Harger: Sarcoma of liver in child of seventeen months; Sarcoma of testicle, with metastases in the lung simulating tuberculosis. Gustav Kolischer and J. S. Eisenstaedt: Traumatic rupture of kidney; Nephrolithiasis; Impacted ureteral stone; Syphilis of bladder. C. M. McKenna: Suprapubic prostatectomy; Short circuit of vas deferens; Tuberculosis of kidney. M. J. Hubeny: Roentgenologic demonstration of several unusual conditions of genito-urinary tract. G. E. Shambaugh: Diagnosis and treatment of certain otolaryngologic conditions. E. H. Ochsner: Three cases of sinus diseases. E. L. Moorhead: Gynecomastia or gynecomastia; Intraligamentous uterine fibroid complicated by pregnancy; compound fracture of ankle joint with forward dislocation of foot; Impacted intra-articular fracture of neck of femur. D. A. Orth: Strangulated femoral hernia, spinal anesthesia. T. J. Watkins: Postoperative catheter cystitis. A. J. Ochsner: Hypospadias; Excision of ganglion from hand. M. A. Bernstein: Talipes cavus.

## Correspondence

### A JUDICIOUS CRITIC.

To the Editor: First off I wish to say that I find the Journal the brightest, snappiest, most forward looking publication of the kind with which I have ever come in contact. The only criticism—nay, I have none! The one regret is that scientific matter of a parity with the editorial is rather scanty.

In my report, as delegate, to my County Society I made mention of your expressed desires and urged our members to respond. For well I know that some of the very best things come out of the smaller organizations; their papers are more human, more vitalized and less pyrotechnic, as a rule, than those which are presented to the larger societies.

I make bold to offer one suggestion: Push the "get together" idea a little harder. It is the most important thing at the present moment. It is the thing which we must nurture and cultivate and bring to fruition if we are to bring anything but